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Title: METHOD OF PROCESSING A

SAMPLE CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE BIOLOGICAL

ELEMENT

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

- 1. This application became abandoned on September 20, 2003.
- 2. This Petition is accompanied by an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111.
- 3. The entire delay in filing the required reply (i.e., from the due date of the reply to the filing date of this petition) was unintentional.
- 4. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the application referenced above.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) in the amount of \$1,330.00 and any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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